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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Rapid City Guard unit returns home

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard welcomed home six Soldiers from Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport, after completing a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Rapid City-based unit deployed in August 2011 with a mission to provide aerial surveillance in support of ground forces. Det. 48 is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists, which operate the C-12 King Air.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG and Rapid City Mayor Sam Kooiker were featured speakers at the ceremony.

This was the second mobilization for Det. 48, having deployed to Afghanistan for seven months in 2008.

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**120822- A-CW157-078:** Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenneth East, of Rapid City, S.D., commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, addresses family and friends during their welcome home ceremony held at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City, Aug. 22, 2012. The Rapid City-based unit deployed in August 2011 with a mission to provide aerial surveillance in support of ground forces. Det. 48 is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists, which operate the C-12 King Air. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



**120822- A-CW157-114:** Soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, stand for roll call during a welcome home ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport, Aug. 22, 2012. . The Rapid City-based unit deployed in August 2011 with a mission to provide aerial surveillance in support of ground forces. Det. 48 is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists, which operate the C-12 King Air. Top left: Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenneth East, Bottom left: Sgt. 1st Class Randall McCann, Sgt. Derek Lebeau, Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Preston, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven Graves and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wayne Walker. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



**120822-A-CW157-126:** Gov. Dennis Daugaard shakes the hand of Sgt. 1st Class Randall McCann a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, during the unit's welcome home ceremony held at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City, Aug. 22, 2012. The Rapid City-based unit deployed in August 2011 with a mission to provide aerial surveillance in support of ground forces. Det. 48 is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists, which operate the C-12 King Air. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen)



**120822-A-CW157-167** Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Preston, of Rapid City, S.D., shows his niece Allie Baker, 3, the propeller of the C-12 aircraft after the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command's welcome home ceremony held at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City, Aug. 22, 2012. The Rapid City-based unit deployed in August 2011 with a mission to provide aerial surveillance in support of ground forces. Det. 48 is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists, which operate the C-12 King Air. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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